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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1722

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Application No.: 09/986,599

G. SARANI et al.

Examiner: D. Heckenberg

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Filed: November 9, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 023349-00253

For: DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY PRODUCING AN OPENING OR CAVITY IN

THE SIDE OF A CERAMIC PRODUCT DURING MOLDING A MOULD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 2, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for two months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 2, 2003 from October 2, 2003 to December 2, 2003.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. **01-2300** referencing Attorney Docket No. 023349-00253.

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